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SUBJECT: MBFR: ESENBEL-RUSH CONVERSATION OF FLANK SECURITY
VIENNA FOR USDEL, MBFR

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON THE ACTING
SECRETARY MAY 24 TO EMPHASIZE GOT CONCERN OVER THE
POSSIBILITY OF REDEPLOYMENT ON THE TURKISH BORDERS
OF SOVIET FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM CENTRAL EUROPE UNDER
MBFR. ESENBEL SAID THE GOT BELIEVES THERE SHOULD
BE A PROVISION FOR DISBANDING WITHDRAWN FORCES ON
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THE SOVIET SIDE AND THAT RECIPROCITY WAS NOT REQUIRED

AS TROOPS REDEPLOYED TO THE U.S. DO NOT THREATEN THE SOVIET UNION. RUSH REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT THE USSR WOULD INSIST ON RECIPROCITY; THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT ACCEPT A NATIONAL LIMITATION ON THE SIZE OF ITS FORCES; THAT THE MBFR NEGOTIATION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CENTRAL EUROPE; AND THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT ACCEPT A SITUATION WHERE FLANK SECURITY IS THREATENED IN EXCHANGE FOR A REDUCTION OF TENSION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF THE TURKISH CONCERNS HE WOULD HAVE THIS PROBLEM REASSESSED AND WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE TURKS.

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